

**MALAYALAM GIRLS' SCHOOL, OLLUR—TRANSFER OF
MANAGEMENT**

226. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether any order with regard to the transfer of management of the Malayalam Girls' School, Ollur, has been passed by them recently;
- (b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, copy of the order may be printed and placed on the table of the House;
- (c) whether the question of management of this institution has been at any time placed before Advisory Committee on Education?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) A copy is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV*).
- (c) No.

KERALAKALAMANDALAM—PARTICULARS OF

227. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Ta'appalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the expenditure incurred by the Government for the 1st 5 months of 1117 for the Kerala Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthi;
- (b) the receipts from the institution for the same period;
- (c) the number of students attending the Mandalam at present;
- (d) the number of public servants (inclusive of those of inferior cadre) who are attached to the institution at present?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

- (a) Rs. 1,463—2—3.
- (b) Rs. 593—0—5.
- (c) Nil, as regular work has not begun in the institution.
- (d) 6 including Art Director who is, however, not a full fledged Government servant.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Is the Hon'ble Member for Education in a position to state the items under which these receipts come to the Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am sorry I have not got the necessary data. I can give the detailed figures on notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): It is stated here that there are no students attending this institution, and I see that there are receipts to the extent of Rs. 593. I want to know the source of the income.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): We have a certain amount of investment and the interest on certain securities has been realised.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know, Sir, for how many months have this institution been in the management of the Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is about 9 months.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Why are the Government not taking any care to see that the institution is properly run at present?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The delay has been caused partly on account of the withdrawal of certain concessions which these students were enjoying, while the institution was under private management. They were being offered free lodging; they were being given stipends, contribution towards clothes, etc., and it is extremely difficult for the Government to decide whether these concessions should be continued, and when some of these concessions were withdrawn they all left. And as the hon'ble member is aware we had also to go into the financial side of the institution and proper audit had to be made.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Did not the Government anticipate this contingency at the time of the assumption of management of this institution?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): From the result I do admit that these were not foreseen.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know, Sir, whether there is any scheme at present with the Government to work this institution, or is it the intention of Government to keep it like this?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Certainly. As a matter of fact, effective steps are being taken not merely to have a working scheme of the work of the institution but also to have proper syllabuses, etc., and I am quite confident that

before the next reopening of schools in Edavam 1117 the institution will be in working order.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government in mind to restore those concessions which were given to the former students who will be admitted afterwards?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is premature for me to say what would be the exact extent Government will be in a position to undertake in regard to this institution.. If funds permit, all such concessions that are necessary to attract students to this special institution will be offered.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government come to the conclusion that the withdrawal of the students here on account of the fact that the concessions of free boarding and meals and other things are withdrawn is not sufficient indication to show that the institution is not popular?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know what are the duties of the Art Director at present?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is no art at present to direct, because there are no students. For the present, at any rate, he is enjoying a sort of pension.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether Government have taken any action to go into the past accounts of the Kerala Kalamandalam after resumption of management?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): A very thorough audit of all the accounts was made by the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts himself.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the Government are in possession of the facts and figures with regard to the assets and liabilities of this institution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know why the Kalamandalam is not yet opened and the work begun?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The pupils have not come back.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Have Government made any enquiries as to whether the students who were actually studying there are prepared to join the Kalamandalam any more?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is quite unnecessary for the Government. What is necessary is to issue a notification containing the prospectus of the institution and the special scholarships, etc., and inviting applications. That is all.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Has any notification been issued?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It will be issued very soon.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Does the Government propose to conduct the institution in the spirit in which that prevailed at the time of assumption?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I can honestly assure this House that Government will faithfully carry out and fulfil the trust which it has undertaken in taking up the management of this institution.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know whether all these 6 members have been retained?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. They are all there.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know the purpose for which they are retained?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): They have to be somewhere during the period of transition. We cannot simply send them away.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know whether their work is not simply looking after the building and the properties?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): As a matter of fact, the Superintendent and the Director have been of some help to me. We have discussed to frame a proper scheme and syllabus which have to be sent up to the Government, and a good deal of instruction is taken. We cannot expect anything more to be done.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know what is the salary of the Superintendent?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Rs. 70—80.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know whether one peon is not sufficient to look after the properties?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I can assure the hon'ble member that we are not satisfied that we can substitute the Superintendent by a peon.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): May I know who is looking after the compound of the Ayurvedic Hospital close by?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): I do not know.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (Cheruthuruthi): Are there any funds to be managed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): We have got a very large number of assets of different degrees. We have to ascertain where precisely we stand. Action has to be taken, the papers have to be scrutinised and legal proceedings instituted wherever necessary. All these cannot be done by a peon.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): May I know whether Government have any objection to disband the surplus staff?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): You mean to say for another period of 3 months?

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Is it the intention of the Government to revive it after 3 months?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Yes, certainly.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I know what is meant by full-fledged Government servant? It is stated in the answer that he is not a full-fledged Government servant.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): It is a mistake. I should have stated that he is not a full time servant of the institution.

TENTS FOR THE STATE—PURCHASE OF

228. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) when were the tents for the State purchased;
- (b) how many tents were purchased and how much did they cost;
- (c) were there any subsequent purchases;
- (d) who was the supervising officer of these tents; were they subsequently transferred to any other officer; if so, why were they transferred;
- (e) is there any tent-keeper and if so, what is his pay;
- (f) is this full time job for him and is he attending to any other work than that relating to tent; if so, is there any justification for having a full time officer;